(e)whether Government have permitted recruitment of marine officers of foreign origin on Indian vessels, which is opposed by local seafarers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (f) Director General of Shipping is the regulatory body for seafarers training and is ensuring quality training.

About 18000 officers and 20,350 ratings are either awaiting sea time training or underemployed or in the process of getting sea time training.

In view of shortage of Indian officers, the Government is considering a proposal to allow foreign officers to work on Indian ships subject to certain conditions in consultation with the shipping industry."

Rehabilitation of persons affected by demolition along NHs

†3136. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented any scheme to rehabilitate persons affected due to demolition of *dhabas* and buildings established for three generations ago along National Highways in compliance of Supreme Court's order;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of persons who have been affected by this order in the States of Haryana and Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.